

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A belt comprising:

a first and at least a second wire link wherein each of  
said plurality of wire links is adapted to interconnect with ~~7~~  
~~said plurality of wire links fashioned to interconnect between at~~  
least one longitudinally adjacent wire link, ~~each wire link~~  
including:

a first and at least a second hanger portion having  
each a horizontal length and a cross-sectional thickness; said  
first and said

at least a second hanger ~~one hinge~~ portion having ~~a first~~  
~~section including a first and a second transverse leg each~~  
disposed a spaced distance apart from each other along a traverse  
axis of said belt; and

at least one hinge portion disposed between said first and  
said at least a second hanger portions, said at least one hinge  
portion having a first section including a first and a second  
transverse leg each disposed at an angle A1 of approximately 90  
degrees relative to said hanger portion, and a second section  
disposed at an angle at least approximately 180 degrees relative  
to a longitudinal axis of said first section, wherein said second  
section of said at least one hinge portion is sized and shaped to  
fit around at least a portion of said first hanger portion of  
said at least one longitudinally adjacent wire link

2. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one ~~said~~ hanger portion includes a substantially horizontal section.

3. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one ~~said~~ hanger portion includes a substantially "U" shape.

4. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one ~~said~~ hanger portion includes a substantially "V" shape.

5. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one ~~said~~ hanger portion includes a substantially trapezoidal shape.

6. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said second section of said first hinge portion is disposed a distance D from said first section wherein said distance D from said first section of said first portion wherein said distance D is less than said cross-sectional

thickness of said hanger portion of said at least one  
longitudinally adjacent wire link.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein  
said second sections of said hinge portions extends beyond a  
transverse axis of said hanger portions.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein  
each of said second sections ~~further~~ includes a first and a  
second loop each disposed at an angle greater than approximately  
180 degrees relative to said longitudinal axis of said first  
section.

11. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 10 wherein  
said first and said second loops are separated by a "V" shaped  
section.

12. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 10 wherein  
said first and said second loops are separated by a "U" shaped  
section.

13. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein said hinge sections includes a "W" shape.

14. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein said belt further includes an angle A3 with respect to saida longitudinal axis of said belt disposed between said hanger portions and said hinge portions such that said belt includes a substantially flat carrying surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 1 wherein said belt further includes a plurality of links each having a bent portion disposed between said hanger portions and said hinge portions such that saida hanger and said a hinge portions of a first link areis disposed in substantially the same plane as saida hanger and said a hinge portions of said longitudinally adjacent link, respectively.

16. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 15 wherein said bent portion is sized and shaped such that said hanger portion is disposed in a plane which is approximately one wire diameter from a plane that said hinge portion is disposed.

17. (Currently Amended) A belt having a longitudinal and traverse axis, said belt comprising:

a hanger portion having a horizontal length and a cross-sectional thickness; and

a first and at least a second hinge portion disposed along said transverse axis of said belt and separated by at least one hanger portion, each of said hinge portions having a first section including a first and a second transverse leg each disposed at an angle A1 of approximately 90 degrees relative to a longitudinal axis of said hanger portion and a second section having at least a portion disposed at an angle A2 relative to said first section and a distance D from said first section, wherein said second section ~~of said hinge portion~~ is sized and shaped to fit around at least a portion of said hanger portion, and wherein said angle A2 is large enough such that said distance D is smaller than said cross-sectional thickness of said hanger portion.

18. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said hanger portion includes a substantially horizontal section.

19. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said hanger portion includes a substantially "U" shape.

20. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said hanger portion includes a substantially "V" shape.

21. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said hanger portion includes a substantially trapezoidal shape.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said second sections of said hinge portions extends beyond a transverse axis of said hanger portion.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein each of said hinge portions include said second section having ~~further includes~~ a first and a second loop each disposed at an angle greater than approximately 180 degrees relative to said longitudinal axis of said first section.

26. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 25 wherein said first and said second loop are separated by a "V" shaped section.

27. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 25 wherein said

first and said second loop are separated by a "U" shaped section.

28. (Original) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said hinge section includes a "W" shape.

29. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said belt further includes an angle A3 with respect to said a longitudinal axis of said belt disposed between said hanger portions and said hinge portions such that said belt includes a substantially flat carrying surface.

30. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 17 wherein said belt further includes a ~~plurality of links each having a~~ bent portion disposed between said hanger portions and said hinge portions such that ~~said a~~ hanger and ~~said a~~ hinge portions ~~of a~~ first link is disposed in are all substantially the same plane ~~as a hanger and a hinge portion of an adjacent link, respectively.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 30 wherein said bent portion is sized and shaped such that said hanger portions ~~are~~ is disposed in a plane which is approximately one wire diameter from a plane that said hinge portions ~~are~~ is disposed.

32. (Currently Amended) A wire belt comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first and at least a second link, each including:

\_\_\_\_\_ a first and at least a second hanger portion disposed a spaced distance from each other along a transverse axis of said links; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a first and at least a second hinge portion, disposed a spaced apart distance from each other along said transverse axis wherein at least said first hinge portion is disposed between ~~said~~ having a first and said at least a second section hanger portions, each hinge portion having a first section disposed at an angle A1 of approximately 90 degrees relative to a longitudinal axis of said hanger portion and a second section having at least a portion disposed at an angle A2 relative to said first section and a distance D from said first section, wherein at least one of said second sections of said hinge portions of said first link is sized and shaped to fit around at least a portion of said hanger portion of ~~said~~ at least one of ~~said~~ a hanger portions of ~~second link such that said first and~~ said second link such that said first and said at least one second links are rotatably disposed with respect to each other without the use of a rod.

33. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said angle A2 is large enough such that said distance D is smaller



than said cross-sectional thickness of said hanger portion of said second link.

34. (Currently Amended) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hanger portions includes a substantially horizontal section.

35. (Currently Amended) the belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hanger portions includes a substantially "U" shape.

36. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hanger portions includes a substantially "V" shape.

37. (Currently Amended) The belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hanger portions includes a substantially trapezoidal shape.

38. (Currently Amended) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said first sections includes in said a first link include and a second transverse leg disposed at said angle A1 relative to said hanger portion.

39. (Currently Amended) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said second sections of said hinge portions in said first link extends beyond a transverse axis of said hanger portion in

said first link.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said second section further includes a first and a second loop each disposed at an angle greater than approximately 180 degrees relative to said longitudinal axis of said first section.

42. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 41 wherein said first and said second loop are separated by a "V" shaped section.

43. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 41 wherein said first and said second loop are separated by a "U" shaped section.

44. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hinge section includes a "W" shape.

45. (Previously Presented) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein the distance between said first and said second transverse leg is between about 1/8 to about 0.75 inches and wherein said length of said first and said second transverse leg is between about 1/8 to about 0.75 inches.

46. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said

wire belt further includes an angle A3 with respect to a longitudinal axis of said belt disposed between said hanger portion and said hinge portion such that said wire belt includes a substantially flat carrying surface.

47. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 32 wherein said wire belt further a plurality of links each having a bent portion disposed between said hanger portion and said hinge portion such that a hanger and a hinge portion of a first link is disposed in substantially the same plane as a hanger and a hinge portion of an adjacent link, respectively.

48. (Original) The wire belt as claimed in claim 47 wherein said bent portion is sized and shaped such that said hanger portion is disposed in a plane which is approximately one wire diameter from a plane that said hinge portion is disposed.